

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 6. This sheet, which includes Fig. 6 replaces the original sheet including Fig. 6.

A redlined copy of Fig. 6 showing the changes is also attached.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed July 3, 2006. This response is considered to be timely since it is being filed on August 3, 2006 and the shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire one month from the mailing date of the communication.

In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the claims into five species:

1. The species of Figure 1.
2. The species of Figure 4.
3. The species of Figure 7.
4. The species of Figure 8.
5. The species of Figure 9.

Claims 1-10 were pending in this application.

Applicant elects Species 1 for prosecution in the present application, and elects claims 1-4, 6, and 8-10. Applicant identifies at least claim 1 as generic to Species 1-5, represented by Figures 1, 4, 7, 8, and 9.

Claims 5 and 7 are withdrawn from consideration under 37 CFR §1.142(b) as being drawn to a non-elected species. Applicant understands that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from an allowable generic claim, as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

Applicants reserve the right, under 35 USC §120, to pursue the non-elected invention of claims 5 and 7 in separate divisional patent applications.

Discussion of Amendments to the Drawings

Applicant amends Fig. 6 to correct the illustration of waveform (h) representing the output of OR circuit 86. A redline annotated drawing illustrating the amendment is attached.

The Specification, as filed, supports the amended figure. No new matter is added by the amendment.

In particular, the Specification at page 18 at ll. 4-8 supports the amendment to the figure. The Specification, at page 18, ll. 4-8 states:

Meanwhile, when the power source voltage becomes 100 volts, the output signal of the comparator 72 is fixed to "L". Accordingly, the RS-FF 84 is not set and the

output signal of the RS-FF 84 becomes "L". At timings at which the pulse P2 falls, the output signal of the D-FF 85, which latches "L" of the output signal of the RS-FF 84, becomes "L". At these timings, the output signal of the OR circuit 86 changes to "L".

Thus, the Specification clearly supports the output of the OR circuit 86 falling to a low level (L) at the fall of pulse P2 and when the output of the D-FF 85 becomes low (L).

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

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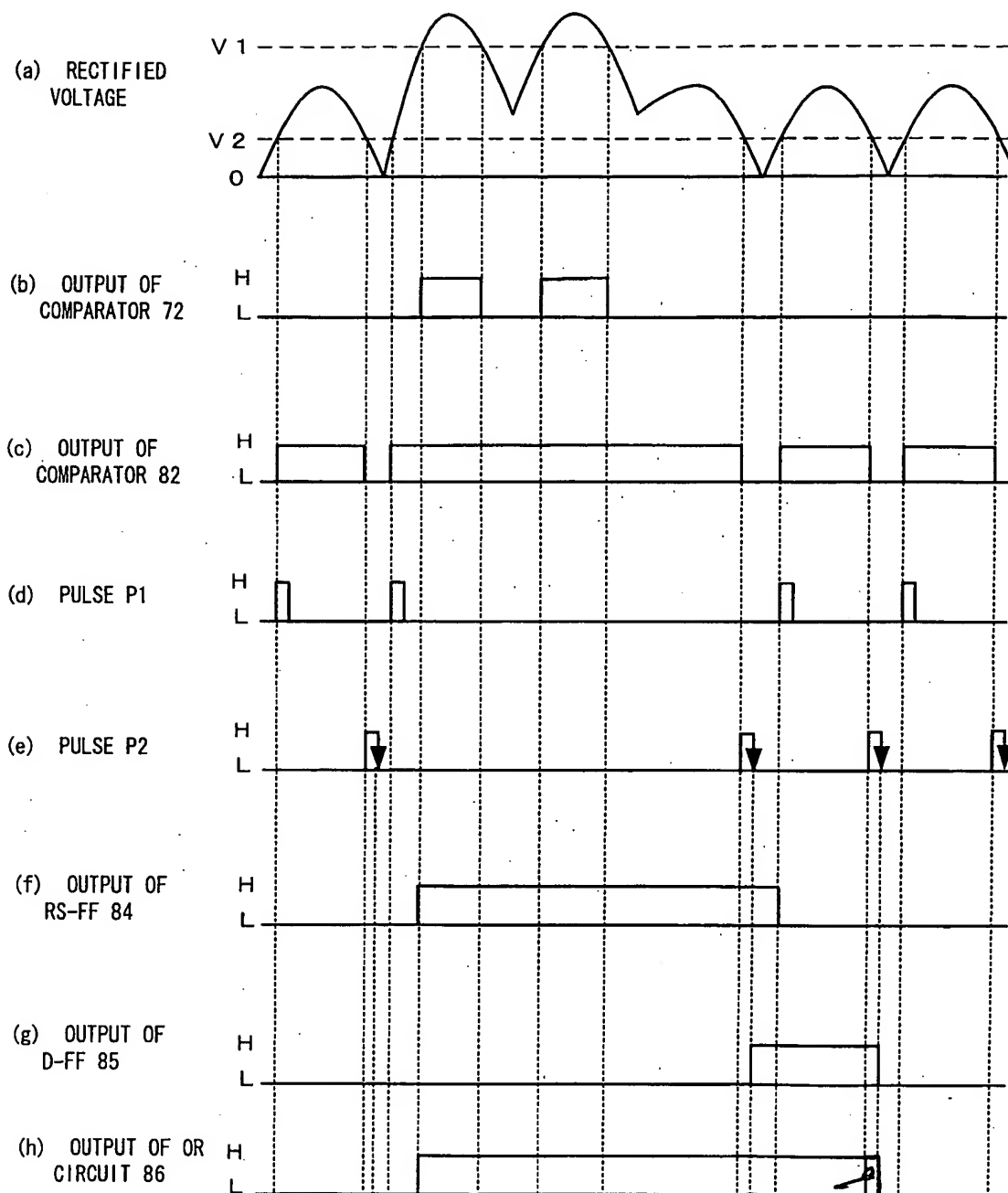


FIG. 6